(b) if so, whether in view of rise in unauthorized constructions, the Delhi High Court has decided to bring back the Monitoring Committee which was suspended in September last year;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government/State Government of Delhi/MCD/DDA completely failed to put a check on such illegal constructions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the immediate steps that Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) DDA and MCD have informed that as and when any unauthorised construction is noticed, necessary action as per the relevant provisions of the Acts/Rules concerned is taken.

BRT project

1150. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BRT project has been implemented without going into the merits of the project, keeping in mind the level of vehicle movements in this section of the road;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many fatal deaths have taken place in this particular stretch of the BRT corridor;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the movement of vehicles in this section which is a nightmare for the office going vehicles and it takes around 15-25 minutes just to cross two Kms. of this corridor;

(d) whether Government proposes to abolish this project, keeping in mind the welfare of the people of Delhi; and

(e) if so, by when it would be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has informed that as far as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in Delhi *i.e.* Ambedkar Nagar to Delhi Gate is concerned, this corridor was identified as a pilot project by the GNCT of Delhi based on the feasibility study conducted by M/s RITES in 2004 in consultation with TRIPP (IIT). However, the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects sanctioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are based on the detailed projects reports prepared by the States/Urban Local Bodies.

(b) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that through a few accidents have taken place, the total number of accidents on the stretch has come down after the construction of BRT due to segregation of traffic.

(c) to (e) BRT projects sanctioned under JNNURM provides for segregated lane for the buses carrying the maximum number of passengers besides facilities for pedestrian and non-motorized transport and slow moving vehicles etc.

Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that there is no rethinking on the project; the Government has approved preparation of detailed engineering design on two corridors namely, Karawal Nagar to Khel Gaon and Mool Chand to Jahangir Puri. As regards the Ambedkar Nagar to Mool Chand stretch of the Corridor, it was made operational in April 2008. A socio economic study on the corridor was carried out by DIMTS to assess impact of BRT corridor. The pedestrians, cyclists and bus users have praised the corridor and strongly advocated its replication to encourage use of Non Motorized Vehicles (NMV) and public transport. Significant reduction in travel time for buses has been observed, accidents have also come down on the corridor due to segregation. Some shortcomings have been identified and corrective measures like construction of Foot Over Bridges, Mix Traffic Module, construction of Link road, Intelligent Transport System are being taken by them.

DDA housing scam

1151. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the investigations into the DDA housing scam of 2008;

(b) the number of present and retired DDA officials, bank officials, chartered accountants, property agents and others found to have been involved in the scam, category-wise;

(c) the number of allotments proposed to be cancelled on account of the findings of the inquiry, category-wise *i.e.* those belonging to the SC, ST, OBC, and unreserved classes, with the number of houses of H.I.G., M.I.G., L.I.G., etc.; and

(d) the manner in which the now available housing units are proposed to be allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) A High Level Internal Committee constituted by Vice-Chairman, DDA to look into the whole process of allotment of flats and alleged irregularities pertaining to DDA Housing Scheme, has submitted its Report on 20.2.2009. The Committee has concluded that the whole process of scrutiny of application, randomization as well as result of the draw do not suffer from any aberration. The Economic Offences Wing, Crime Branch, Delhi Police have registered a case FIR No. 02/09 dated 9.1.2009 under Sections 419/420/467/468/471/201/120-B/34 IPC